

SENATE BILL 2036

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201 and Section 49-9-202, relative to appointment of members of governing boards of institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a)(3), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting instead the following:

(B) In appointing public members to the board, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) person serving on the board is sixty (60) years of age or older, that at least one (1) person serving on the board is an honorably discharged military veteran of the United States armed forces, and that at least one (1) person serving on the board is a member of a racial minority.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(f)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (D) and substituting instead the following:

(D) In making appointments, the governor shall strive to ensure that the state university boards are composed of members who are diverse in gender, race, perspective, experience, and honorable military service.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202(a)(14), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subdivision and substituting instead:

In making appointments to the board of trustees, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) person appointed to serve on the board is sixty (60) years of age or older, that at least one (1) person appointed to serve on the board is an honorably discharged military veteran of the United States armed forces, and that at least one (1) person appointed to serve on the board is a member of a racial minority.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.